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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

NECESSITY OF ENDING THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST CUBA

Letter dated 10 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have pleasure in transmitting to you a note from Mr. Gabriel Coderch Díaz, Coordinator of the O.A. Romero Study and Solidarity Group, concerning the economic embargo imposed by the United States against Cuba; I believe that it should be brought to the attention of the representatives of Member States (see annex).

Accordingly, I request that you be kind enough to have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Ricardo ALARCON de QUESADA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 5 September 1991 from the Coordinator of the O.A. Romero Study and Solidarity Group addressed to the Secretary-General

In view of the forthcoming session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, we request that an item concerning the unjust economic embargo and blockade against Cuba by the Government of the United States of America be included in the agenda of that session.

We are requesting this as members of the Catholic Church in Cuba, for we are concerned about our brothers and about being true to the Spirit and are in communion with our bishops; the latter protested against the embargo in April 1969, stating that it was an attack on life, God's greatest gift. It is also a violation of the wish of the Holy Father, John Paul II, who has insistently called for peace among peoples and for frontiers to be open arms to reconciliation rather than areas of tension. Moreover, we have noted that our peoples have a deep longing for peace.

We renew our efforts and our prayers for that peace which comes from God and we pray that an end may be put to the very inhuman and unchristian embargo which has been making life difficult for millions of children and old people, women and men, for more than 30 years.

May God guide you and bless your efforts, for "blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9).